Mr. A. L. Antony.—I support the motion, Sir. The Hon'ble Member for Trichur has been saying that in the Madras Presidencyand other British parts, rural aided dispensaries are multiplied. I would like to know whether any Government dispensaries which had been existing had been converted into aided ones. That is the point If the Hon'ble Member from Trichur can substantiate this point, that in the Madras Presidency they are trying to convert existing dispensaries into aided ones, of course we can consider it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What I want to say is this system of aided institutions is beneficial to the public, and that they should hereafter be encouraged. That is all.

The resolution that the recommendation of the Committee for converting existing dispensaries into aided ones shall not be given effect to was put and agreed to.

Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to move that "*This Council recommends to the Government that a limited percentage of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons who have put in 20 years' meritorious service may be allowed to go into the grade of the Assistant Surgeon.*"

Mrs. G. Pavitran.—I second it.

President.—There is another motion on the same point by Mr. Antony.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—I withdraw that and support this motion.

Hence the following resolution of Mr. K. J. Antony was considered withdrawn:—

"*The restrictions for the Sub-Assistant Surgeons to rise to the Assistant Surgeon's grade be removed and competent Sub-Assistant Surgeons be appointed in the Assistant Surgeon's grade.*"

The resolution of Mr. Mathew was put and agreed to.

The House rose for lunch at 2 p.m. and met again at 3 p.m. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Additional Civil Surgeon and Lady Civil Surgeon.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to move resolution No. 4. "*This Council recommends to the Government that the post of an Additional Civil Surgeon also be created for the Trichur Civil Hospital, besides the appointment of a Lady Civil Surgeon for the Mattancheri Women's Hospital.*"

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I second that. As far as I can see, an Additional Civil Surgeon is essential in an important and large town like Trichur and a Lady Civil Surgeon in the Mattancheri Women's Hospital.

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Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I support it.

Dr. E. A. Veigas.—Sir, I oppose it. The staff consists of one Civil Surgeon, two Assistant Surgeons and three Sub-Assistant Surgeons, and there are only nearly 40 beds.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Eighty beds are recommended in the Special Finance Committee report for the Civil Hospital.

Dr. E. A. Veigas.—Yes, in view of the acceptance of that position, that beds are to be increased, I support the motion please.

Deputy President.—So, you don't oppose that?

Dr. E. A. Veigas.—No. I don't oppose.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I beg to move an amendment to this. Just as Sub-Assistant Surgeons may be elected as Assistant Surgeons, '*Assistant Surgeons too may be promoted as Civil Surgeons*". Of course, it is only an amendment, you know.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I accept that amendment.

Deputy President.—What is the amendment?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—As the rule stands, Assistant Surgeons are not allowed to be promoted as Civil Surgeons, because there is a clause that Civil Surgeons can only be appointed, provided they have the necessary qualifications. The amendment is that Assistant Surgeons also may be promoted as Civil Surgeons.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I would propose a specific amendment. There are a large number of Assistant Surgeons of which one at least may be given the chance of rising to the Civil Surgeon's post after 20 years.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Why one? All may have the chance.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Is that a limited amendment?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not limit the Assistant Surgeons going up. I shall put in another proposition. I would like to bring an independent resolution. I move that "*at least one place of the Civil Surgeon may be reserved for promoting Assistant Surgeons to it irrespective of qualifications, European or Indian*". Indian qualifications are higher than European qualifications.

Resolution of Mr. Mathew as amended by Dr. A. R. Menon was put and agreed to.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I want to move the specific amendment, Sir. One Civil Surgeon's place may be reserved for promoting Assistant Surgeons without qualifications.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I second it.

Resolution put and agreed to.

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